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In re Patent Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR INHIBITING THE

DEGRADATION OF BRAIN NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES IN A SPECIMEN COMPRISING THE USE OF CONTAINERS MADE OF OR COATED WITH SILICONE OR PLASTICS Examiner: R. J. Gitomer

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.313 (c) (1-3)

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Sir:

Petitioner hereby petitions the Commissioner to withdraw the above-identified application from issue. The Issue Fee in this application was timely paid on April 24, 2006.

It is requested that the above-mentioned application be withdrawn from Issue for the following reason:

Unpatentability of one or more claims, which petition must be accompanied by an unequivocal statement that one or more claims are unpatentable, an amendment to such claim or claims, and an explanation as to how the amendment causes such claim or claims to be patentable (37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(1));

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 \boxtimes Consideration of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114 (37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2)); or

Express abandonment of the application. Such express abandonment may be in favor of a continuing application (37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(3)).

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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